

CLAIMS

1. A sealing, trimming or finishing strip (4) comprising a longitudinally extending sealing part (6) defining a longitudinal hollow interior which becomes partially compressed in use, the hollow interior of the sealing part being provided with means for controlling the compression of the sealing part.
2. A strip (4) according to claim 1, in which the compression controlling means includes at least one abutment surface for abutting an internal surface (36) of said hollow interior when relative movement between said internal surface (36) and said abutment surface occurs in use in response to compression of the sealing part (6).
3. A strip (4) according to claim 2, including two of said abutment surfaces for abutting spaced apart internal surface portions (36, 38) of said hollow interior.
4. A strip (4) according to claim 2 or 3, in which the or each abutment surface is convex.
5. A strip (4) according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said compression controlling means comprises an interior wall (22) spanning the

hollow of the sealing part and thereby defining first and second longitudinally extending hollows (24, 26).

6. A strip (4) according to claim 5, in which said interior wall (22) includes a portion (27) of relatively large cross-section.

7. A strip (4) according to claim 6, in which said portion (27) is of elliptical cross-section.

8. A strip (4) according to claim 6 or 7, in which said portion (27) of the interior wall (23) spanning the hollow of the sealing part (9) has a bulbous cross-section.

9. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 5 to 8, in which the interior wall (22) comprises a harder material than the material (20) comprising the sealing part (6).

10. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 5 to 8, in which the interior wall (22) comprises a softer material than the material (20) comprising the sealing part (6).

11. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 5 to 8, in which the interior wall (22) comprises two portions (31, 33), the first portion (31) having a first

hardness and the second portion (33) having a second hardness, the first and second hardnesses being different.

12. A strip (4) according to claim 11, in which the first portion (31) defines a portion of the interior wall (22) including the abutment surface that faces the first longitudinally extending hollow (24) and is harder than the second portion (33) of the interior wall (22).

13. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 5 to 8, in which the surface of the interior wall (22) comprises a plurality of longitudinally extending protrusions or ridges (35).

14. A strip (4) according to claim 13, in which a number of the longitudinally extending protrusions or ridges (35) protrude into the first longitudinally extending hollow (24) and a number of the longitudinally extending protrusions protrude into the second longitudinally extending hollow (26).

15. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, in which the sealing part (6) is carried by a mounting part (8) for mounting the sealing part (6) at a position to seal an opening.

16. A strip (4) according to claim 15, in which the interior wall (22) spans the hollow of the sealing part (6) near to but separated from the mounting part (8).

17. A strip (4) according to claim 4, in which the mounting part (8) is relatively rigid compared to the sealing part (6).

18. A strip (4) according to claim 15, 16 or 17, in which the mounting part (8) comprises a reinforcing core or carrier (12).

19. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 15 to 18, in which the mounting part (8) is channel shaped.

20. A strip (4) according to claim 19, in which the mounting part (8) comprises integral gripping lips (16, 18) positioned on the opposite inside facing walls of the channels (62, 64).

21. A strip (4) according to claim 20, in which the gripping lips (16, 18) are relatively soft compared to the mounting part (8).

22. A strip (4) according to any one of claims 15 to 21, in which the mounting part (8) is made of extruded material (14).

23. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, in which the sealing part (6) is made of extruded material (20).

24. A strip (4) according to claim 23 when dependent on claim 16, in which the mounting part (8) and the sealing part (6) are co-extruded.

25. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, in which the strip (4) also comprises a cosmetic lip (48).

26. A strip (4) according to claim 25, in which the cosmetic lip (48) extends from the region where the mounting part (8) and the sealing part (6) meet and covers the mounting part (8).

27. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, in which at least one of the mounting part (8) and the sealing part (6) are provided with a fabric covering (50).

28. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, wherein the sealing part (6) comprises cellular or foamed material.

29. A strip (4) according to any preceding claim, wherein the compression controlling means serves to reinforce the hollow interior and resists partial

collapse of the hollow interior when longitudinal bending of the strip (4) occurs so as to bend the longitudinal axis which extends along the hollow interior.